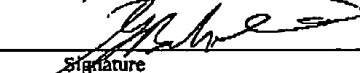


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**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH'S EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents under provisions of 37 C.F.R. §  
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response to the Final Official Action dated, March 26, 2002. Therefore an Appeal Brief was due on December 1, 2002. The extension of time is from December 1, 2002 to January 1, 2003.

Under provision 37 C.F.R. 1.117(a)(1), the required fee is \$55.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 for this amount and any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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